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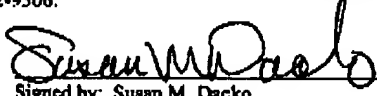
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Application No.: 09/677637 Group Art Unit: 3743
Filed: October 3, 2000 Examiner: Aaron J. Lewis
Title: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW
UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2)
TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313 (c)(2).

PATENT ISSUE FEE

The issue fee for this case was paid on September 30, 2004.

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a Request for Continued Examination.

**FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted via facsimile with this petition. The RCE Transmittal paper and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

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Please charge the petition fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(h), and if necessary, charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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